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Economic Affairs Interim Committee
67th Montana Legislature
P. O. Box 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706

Chairman Bogner and Members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee,

I am writing to express my support for your efforts to study, recommend, and institute appropriate guardrails on the use of facial recognition technology in your state. As the co-founder and CEO of Clearview AI, a U.S. based company whose core component is a top-ranked facial recognition algorithm, I firmly believe in the value and capabilities of this technology. But I also strongly believe that any technology utilized by the government that establishes or assists in establishing identity must be properly bounded. Whether it's DNA, electronic fingerprinting, iris capture, or facial recognition, it all requires proper regulation.

At Clearview AI, we are dedicated to providing the most cutting-edge image comparison technology to law enforcement to investigate crimes, enhance public safety and provide justice to victims. We are also dedicated to doing so in a manner that guards civil liberties and protects the established boundaries of privacy in this country.

With the ubiquity of personal digital cameras and with so much crime being perpetrated online, this technology is a critical tool in helping law enforcement identify both suspects and victims through image comparison. And while many suspects may be identified through a mugshot database, most victims cannot. To this point, it is imperative that law enforcement have access to the broadest available image databases to ensure that crime victims, especially victims of violent sex crimes like Human Trafficking and child sexual exploitation, have the greatest chance of being identified and rescued from their continuous victimization.

I and my team stand ready to provide any assistance the committee may request.

Sincerely,



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